

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: KOBAYASHI
Application No.: 10/563,302
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Title: ELECTROSTATIC CHUCK FOR SUBSTRATE STAGE, ELECTRODE USED
FOR THE CHUCK, AND TREATING SYSTEM HAVING THE CHUCK AND
ELECTRODE
Art Unit: 2836
Exr.: T. MAI **CONF. No. 8395**

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner For Patents
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December 17, 2009

Sir:

Appreciation is expressed to Exr. Mai for his courtesy and helpfulness during a telephone interview conducted in the above-identified matter conducted on December 8, 2009. During the course of this telephone interview, the Examiner and applicants undersigned representative discussed the amendment submitted on December 2, 2009. Regarding this, the undersigned attorney specifically noted the patentable distinctions of the current claims over the cited prior art, as discussed in the Remarks of the December 2, 2009 Amendment. Exr. Mai responded by stating that the current claims could be broadly interpreted to read on the teachings of the Machida reference. The undersigned attorney disagreed with the particular interpretations of the drawings of Machida presented by the Examiner, and no agreement was reached. Exr. Mai further indicated that he is not considering the language in the claims regarding the mounting of the substrate relative to the edges of the rod-like electrodes since he considers this language to be functional and intended use.

If the Examiner believes that there are any points which may be clarified or otherwise disposed of, either by telephone discussion or by personal interview, the

Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

If any costs are due in connection with the filing of this paper, please charge them to the Deposit Account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Dep. Acct. No. 01-2135 (1113.45730X00), and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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